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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FRIDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. CHINA. SINCE THE CHINESE HAD TOLD US THAT THEY WERE
WAITING FOR US TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES FOR CY'S VISIT
TO PEKING, WE TOLD AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN THAT THE SECRETARY
PROPOSES TO GO DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST. THE CHINESE
HAVE NOT YET REPLIED.

-- DICK HOLBROOKE ALSO PRODDED GENTLY FOR A FINAL CHINESE
APPROVAL OF WOODCOCK'S APPOINTMENT TO PEKING. HUANG GAVE
DICK THE SAME ANSWER AMBASSADOR GATES GOT IN PEKING: THE
CHINESE "HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH THE ASSIGNMENT BUT STILL HAVE
NOT FINISHED THEIR PAPER WORK." THE DELAY IS PECULIAR,
BUT WE STILL EXPECT THEM TO COME THROUGH.

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2. PANAMA CANAL. CONFIRMING THE COMMENT IN YESTERDAY'S
MEMO, SOL LINOWITZ TOLD ME TODAY THAT, IN THE COURSE OF
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S NEGOTIATING SESSION, HE MENTIONED
THREE TIMES THAT U.S. PROTECTION OF THE NEUTRALITY OF THE
CANAL COVERED THREATS FROM ANY SOURCE, INCLUDING FROM
WITHIN PANAMA. LINOWITZ FEELS THAT THE PANAMANIAN UNDER-

STAND--AND ACCEPT--THIS IMPORTANT DISTINCTION. LINOWITZ ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS SHOWN A NOTE FROM GENERAL TORRIJOS (WHICH HE WAS UNABLE TO RETAIN) WHICH ALSO APPEARED TO RECOGNIZE THIS POINT.

3. YUGOSLAV NUCLEAR REACTOR. WE HAVE INFORMED THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ISSUANCE TODAY BY THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OF AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR THE YUGOSLAV NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR. AS REPORTED TO YOU EARLIER, THIS LICENSE HAD BEEN HELD UP PENDING YUGOSLAV AGREEMENT TO SUPPLEMENTARY CONTROLS OVER REPROCESSING OF SPENT FUEL AND RE-TRANSFER OF U.S. SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL. IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID FURTHER EXACERBATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA AND RESOLVE THIS MATTER PRIOR TO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS WITH TITO, A U.S. TEAM TRAVELED TO BELGRADE EARLIER THIS MONTH. THE TEAM WAS ABLE TO WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS.

-- THE EXPORT LICENSE CONCERNS ONLY THE REACTOR. WE WILL HOLD TALKS WITH THE YUGOSLAVS AT A LATER DATE ON THE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL APPLY TO OUR EXPORTS OF URANIUM FUEL.

4. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL. FIFTEEN POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS OF BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL MET IN PARIS THIS WEEK. VIRTUALLY ALL COUNTRIES REPRESENTED EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL'S EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE ITS YOUNG DEMOCRACY. THERE WAS BROAD AGREEMENT THAT ABOUT \$1.1 BILLION WILL BE REQUIRED OVER THE NEXT 18 MONTHS. THE U.S., GERMAN, AND NORWEGIAN COMMITMENTS TO HELP, PLUS
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THE POSITIVE INTENTIONS EXPRESSED BY 10 OF THE OTHER 12 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED, HAVE IMPARTED NEEDED MOMENTUM TO THIS EFFORT. A FOLLOW-UP MEETING WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

5. FRENCH SOCIALIST VISIT. ROBERT PONTILLON, SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A MITTERRAND TRIP TO WASHINGTON IN THE FALL. I WILL BE SEEING HIM ON MONDAY, AND HE WILL SEE ZBIG AS WELL AS OTHERS FROM STATE AND DEFENSE. PONTILLON WILL BE SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU FOR MITTERRAND. THE MOST LIKELY CONSEQUENCE OF OUR RESPONSE -- THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO SET AN APPOINTMENT -- WILL BE THAT MITTERRAND WILL QUIETLY DROP HIS PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

6. MEXICAN NARCOTICS PROGRAM. PETER BOURNE AND MATHEA FALCO, OUR COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC MATTERS, HAVE JUST CONCLUDED A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO MEXICO WHERE THEY

CONFERRED WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON NARCOTICS CONTROL. THEY ARE GENERALLY WELL-SATISFIED WITH MEXICAN COOPERATION ON THIS COMMON PROBLEM. MEXICO'S ATTORNEY GENERAL, OSCAR FLORES, TOLD DR. BOURNE AND MS. FALCO THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO EXPAND ITS CURRENT PROGRAM AND COMBINE IT WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

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